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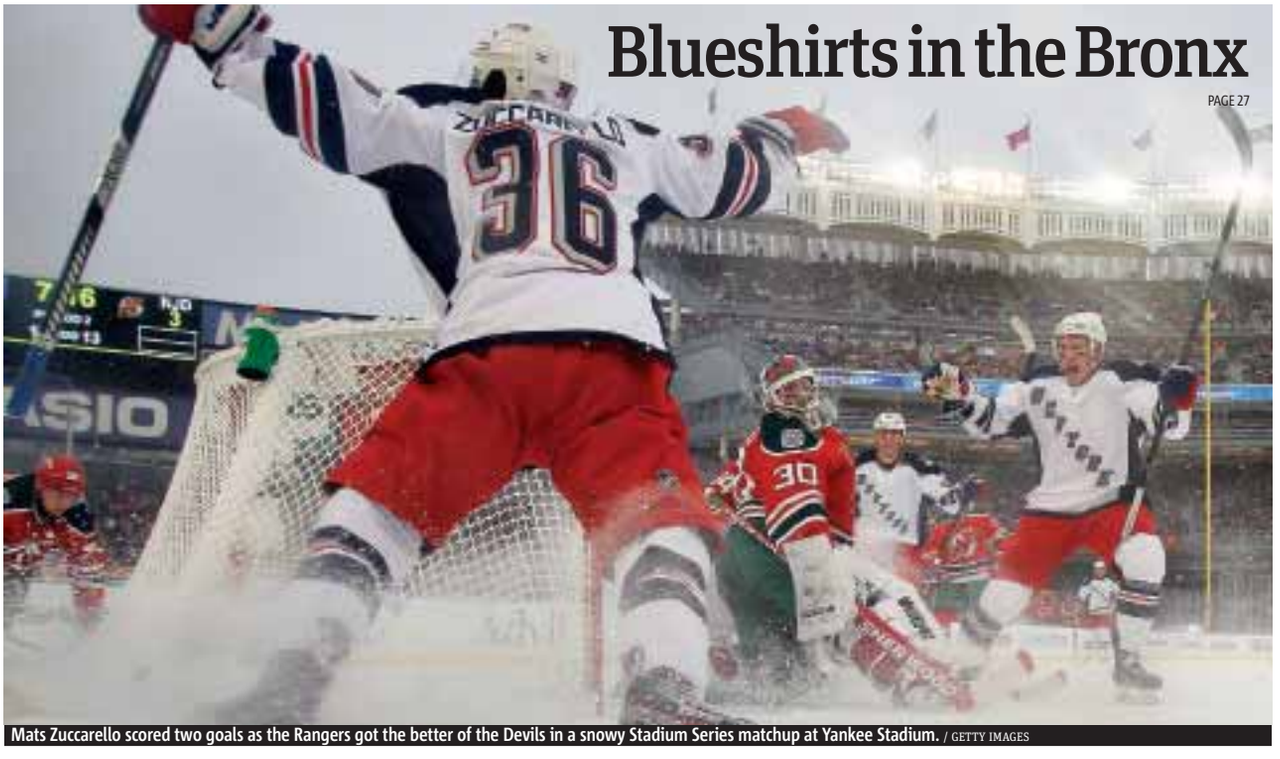
'Avonte's Law' proposed

Laid to rest. A funeral took place Saturday for Avonte Oquendo, the autistic teen who went missing from his school in October.
Not again. Sen. Schumer will introduce a bill that enables parents of autistic kids to take part in a voluntary tracking program. PAGE 02



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Mats Zuccarello scored two goals as the Rangers got the better of the Devils in a snowy Stadium Series matchup at Yankee Stadium. / GETTY IMAGES

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Today's tweet

#NYRangers and #Knicks both win today, good day for the city of New York.

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Mourners carry the casket containing the remains of Avonte Oquendo on Saturday at St. Joseph's Church. / GETTY IMAGERS

After tragedy, law named for Avonte

Bill. "Avonte's Law" would fund voluntary tracking devices for autistic children.

A day after her son's funeral, Vanessa Fontaine silently stood in support of legislation that might have saved autistic teen Avonte Oquendo's life.

"Our children are too precious to wait even one more day when life-saving precautions are right at our fingertips," Sen. Charles Schumer said standing next to Fontaine, proposing "Avonte's Law" Sunday.

The law would enable parents of children with autism to participate in a voluntary tracking program that could help authorities immediately find them if they go missing.

If passed, $10 million would be allocated to the Department of Justice for a grant program run by local police departments.

A similar tracking program helps authorities locate people with Alzheimer's disease.

Schumer will introduce the bill named after 14-year-old Avonte, who was also mute, Monday.

Authorities matched human remains found on a Queens shoreline to Avonte last week, just more than three months after he was last seen running from school Oct. 4.

Roughly half of children and teens with autism attempt to run or wander, according to a study conducted by the Interactive Autism Network and AWAARE.

Avonte's family met privately with Schumer but weren't ready to speak publicly about the bill Sunday.

Hundreds of people joined the family to mourn during a memorial for Avonte in Manhattan Saturday.

"The goal today, because we can't go back in time, is to make sure ... never again," the family's attorney David Perecman said. "And this will help."

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Solution

"Can you imagine being lost and not being able to talk? It's just, it's something that needs to be dealt with right away, and this is a great solution."
Michael Rosen, executive vice president of Autism Speaks

The clicking of the Shih Tzu's nails reportedly aggravated the man. / GETTY IMAGES

Queens. Man suffers heart attack while filing complaint over dog

A Queens man is in stable condition after collapsing from a heart attack on Saturday while filing a noise complaint about his neighbor's dog, cops said.

His nerves frayed by the clicking nails of his upstairs neighbor's Shih Tzu, the 53-year-old man called in a complaint around 2:30 p.m.

Two officers had just arrived at the man's Rego Park home when he began experiencing chest pains and collapsed, police said.

The man was transported to the North Shore Long Island Jewish Hospital. **EMILY JOHNSON**

Unsolved

The suspect / NYPD

Teen tries to kidnap girl

Police are looking for a teenager they said tried to kidnap an 11-year-old girl in the Bronx last week.

The 18-year-old male suspect approached the girl in Unionport as she was walking home from school around 3:55 p.m. Jan. 22, police said.

The teen exited a blue van and grabbed the girl near Castle Hill Avenue and Lafayette Place. As he tried to shove the girl into the van, police said she was able to break free.

The suspect fled in the van. Police described him as Hispanic, 18 years old, 5 feet tall and weighing 130 pounds. He was wearing brown boots and a black jacket.

Police ask anyone with information about the incident to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 800-577-TIPS. **ANNA SANDERS**

Investigation

Man found dead in bathhouse

A man was found dead in a bathhouse on Manhattan's east side in the early hours of Sunday, police said.

The 45-year-old man, who has not yet been identified, was found in a fifth-floor bathroom at the East Side Club on East 56 Street around 2:35 a.m., police said.

Police are investigating the cause of death. There was no indication of trauma and no arrests have been made. **EMILY JOHNSON**

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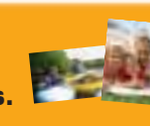

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Most of the funds will go to repair tunnels that carry the R, 7 and G trains. / COURTESY OF THE MTA

MTA to receive $886 million in federal Sandy aid

Commute. The funds will help repair subway lines damaged in the superstorm.

Fifteen months after superstorm Sandy, a big infusion of federal funding will help the Metropolitan Transportation Authority continue to rebuild and prep for future storms, Governor Andrew Cuomo announced Friday.

The Federal Transit Administration has approved $886 million in funding for the MTA, about two-thirds of which will go toward repairs of three underwater tunnels that were badly damaged in the storm: the Montague, Steinway and Greenpoint tunnels, which respectively carry the R, 7 and G trains.

The seawater wrought havoc on the electrical systems, signals and other communications, causing periodic shutdowns and service disruptions.

"There are many challenges a transit system faces in the months and years after suffering the types of severe impacts we did during Sandy," MTA Chairman Thomas Prendergast said.

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More to be done

"The work of rebuilding carries on behind the scenes long after the storm has left the public consciousness."
Thomas Prendergast

In the Bronx

Man shot and killed inside apartment

A Bronx man was shot and killed inside his Bronx apartment Thursday, police said.

Jercar Brooks, 36, was found with two gunshot wounds to his torso inside the Wakefield apartment on East 233rd Street around 8:30 p.m. Friday.

Police said surveillance footage shows Brooks meeting with two men in a Chevy Camaro outside his building around 4:30 p.m. Thursday.

The passenger in the Camaro got out of the car and walked into the building with Brooks. The pair came back outside before the passenger and Brooks returned to the building, police said.

Several minutes later, the passenger runs out of the apartment building without Brooks carrying a large box or package under his arm.

The passenger and suspect is described as black and between 5-foot-10 and 6-foot-4. He was last seen wearing a fitted, gray Yankee hat and a gray-and-red North Face jacket.

Cops ask anyone with information about the homicide to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 800-577-TIPS.

By the numbers

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The police are searching for two suspects in the case who met up with Jercar Brooks before he died.

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Babe Ruth's World Series watch for sale

Yankee fever. The championship pocket watch will be up for auction next month.

Babe Ruth / GETTY IMAGES

Babe Ruth's 1923 World Series championship pocket watch, long thought to be lost, will hit the auction block in New York next month and is expected to fetch more than $1 million, a spokesman for the auction house said on Friday.

The 14-karat gold watch — the predecessor to today's World Series championship ring — was awarded to the baseball legend after he led the Yankees to their first of 27 world championship victories. The watch had not been seen since.

"It is the most significant piece of Yankees memorabilia ever offered," said Chris Ivy, director of sports collectibles for Heritage Auctions.

Bidding online has already started on the watch, but will culminate in a live auction in New York City on February 22.

Ivy expects the pocket watch will go for more than $1 million.

"It's a seminal piece of memorabilia and signifies the dominance of the most significant sports franchise in America," he said. **REUTERS**

Shopping cart race zips into Brooklyn

The Idiotarod, an annual spoof of the famous dog-sled race, where people race shopping carts instead of sleds, took place Saturday in McCarren Park, Brooklyn. The event changed its name to Idiotarodorama NYC this year after receiving a cease-and-desist letter from the Iditarod dog sled race. / GETTY IMAGES

Under investigation

Bronx man dies in NYPD custody

A Bronx man was found dead in a holding cell at a Manhattan police precinct, officials said Sunday.

Edward Soto, 51, was brought into the 19th precinct on East 67th Street Saturday night on an attempted burglary charge. He was found unconscious and unresponsive in the jail cell just after 10 a.m. Sunday, police said.

Emergency personnel transported Soto to New York Presbyterian Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

The NYPD Internal Affairs Bureau is conducting an internal investigation into what happened at the Upper East Side precinct.

The Medical Examiner had not determined the cause of death as of Sunday afternoon.

Soto lived in the Soundview section of the Bronx. **EMILY JOHNSON**

The attack in Columbia followed a shooting at a New Jersey mall in November in which a gunman fired at least six shots without hitting anyone. / GETTY IMAGES

Gunman identified in Maryland mall shooting

Shots fired. The mall was crowded with weekend shoppers; many took shelter after hearing shots.

The gunman who shot and killed two people at a Maryland mall was a 19-year-old man who lived with his mother in the city of College Park and arrived at the shopping center in a taxi about an hour before opening fire, police said on Sunday.

But a day after Saturday's shootings, police could provide no immediate insight into why Darion Marcus Aguilar killed a young man and a young woman at the mall in Columbia, Md., about 20 miles west of Baltimore, before apparently killing himself.

Police have yet to find any ties between Aguilar and the two people he killed, employees at a skate shop at the mall, Howard County Police Chief Bill McMahon told a Sunday morning news conference.

Shots

6-8

Aguilar fired six to eight shots from a 12-gauge shotgun, killing Brianna Benlolo, 21, of College Park, and Tyler Johnson, 25, of Mount Airy, Md., police said.

"We do know that one of our victims also lived in College Park," McMahon said. "We don't know if there's any connection there or whether that's merely coincidental."

Aguilar fired six to eight shots from a 12-gauge shotgun, killing Brianna Benlolo, 21, of College Park, and Tyler Johnson, 25, of Mount Airy, Md., police said.

Both were employees of Zumiez, the skate shop where the shooting took place. A third person on a lower floor of the mall suffered a gunshot wound to the foot, and four more people were hurt in the ensuing chaos. **REUTERS**

State of the Union

Obama to use speech to offer election-year agenda for Democrats

President Barack Obama may not say it in his State of the Union speech this week, but part of his underlying message will be: Please vote for Democrats in the November elections.

Obama's big speech on Tuesday will be his sixth foray into the House of Representatives chamber to lay out his policy priorities for the year.

This year's address is critical to forming a narrative on which Democrats can campaign this year. And Obama wants to bolster his standing after a rocky end-of-the-year controversy over the botched rollout of his signature health care law, and the tumult surrounding a government shutdown.

Obama has seized on income inequality in America as the main theme of his State of the Union speech, which went through its usual draft process over the weekend.

PRESIDENT OBAMA
GETTY IMAGES

He will promote his demand that Congress raise the minimum wage and call for steps to increase jobs at the lower rungs of the economic ladder at a time when the stock market is soaring, but overall job growth is tepid.

The White House sees raising incomes as a key to building up the middle class and getting more Americans out of poverty and into better lives. **REUTERS**

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Retailer. Michaels warns of possible payment card breach

Michaels Companies Inc., the biggest U.S. arts and crafts retailer, said it is investigating a possible security breach on its payment card network and advised customers to check their financial statements for fraudulent activity.

If confirmed, it would mark the second known data breach since 2011 at Michaels, which is preparing to sell shares in an initial public offering.

"We are concerned there may have been a data security attack on Michaels that may have affected our customers' payment card information," Michaels Chief Executive Chuck Rubin said in a statement on Saturday. "We are taking aggressive action to determine the nature and scope of the issue."

The warning comes in the wake of a massive data breach at Target Corp. over the holiday shopping season, and suggests that hackers may be attacking U.S. retailers in a spree the extent of which is yet to be fully understood.

REUTERS

Michaels arts and crafts stores / GETTY IMAGES

Incidents

20

The U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation last week warned retailers to expect more attacks and said the agency has reviewed 20 incidents over the past year that were similar to the recent breaches.

Snowden: NSA engages in industrial espionage

Greed. Edward Snowden says the U.S. will take any intelligence regardless of value to national security.

The U.S. National Security Agency is involved in industrial espionage and will grab any intelligence it can get its hands on regardless of its value to national security, former NSA contractor Edward Snowden told a German TV network.

In text released ahead of a lengthy interview that aired on Sunday, ARD TV quoted Snowden saying the NSA does not limit its espionage to issues of national security and he cited German engineering firm Siemens as one target.

"If there's information at Siemens that's beneficial to national interests — even if it doesn't have anything to do with national security — then they'll take that information nevertheless," Snowden said, according to ARD, which recorded the interview in Russia where he has claimed asylum.

Snowden also told the German public broadcasting network he no longer has possession of any documents on NSA activities and has turned everything he had over to select journalists.

REUTERS

Targets

100K

Snowden's claim the NSA is engaged in industrial espionage follows a New York Times report earlier this month that the NSA put software in almost 100,000 computers around the world, allowing it to carry out surveillance on those devices and could provide a digital highway for cyberattacks.

Demonstrators protest against government surveillance. / GETTY IMAGES

Legal Conditions

Snowden won't return without amnesty

Edward Snowden would be willing to enter talks with U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder to negotiate his return to the United States but not without a guarantee of amnesty, his legal adviser said on Sunday.

Jesselyn Radack said she was glad Holder indicated last week he would talk to lawyers for the former U.S. spy agency contractor to negotiate his return from Moscow, but that Snowden would need better protection.

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Candid. Italy's Berlusconi opts for wrinkles in new image

Former premier Silvio Berlusconi, famed for his face lifts and hair implants, has opted for a sharp image change in reaction to the rise of younger rival Matteo Renzi, agreeing to be shown wrinkled and without makeup by a U.K. newspaper on Sunday.

The Sunday Times carried a portrait of 77-year-old center-right leader titled "Silvio Berlusconi after the fall," by photographer Paul Stuart, on the front page of its color supplement.

Major Italian newspapers reproduced the Sunday Times cover.

"Il Cavaliere proud of his age," said Il Giornale, a paper owned by Berlusconi's family, using the widely used nickname for the media billionaire who was decorated with the title "Cavaliere del Lavoro" for his services to industry in 1977.

"He has taken off the mask because masks are not needed any more. Because now the enemy is not the same and the same makeup is not needed," it said.

Other Italian newspapers minutely dissected the portrait and concluded that the rise of Renzi, the 39-year-old mayor of Florence who has shaken up Italian politics since winning the leadership of the center-left Democratic Party, had persuaded Berlusconi to make a virtue of his own age. REUTERS

Quoted

"Renzi isn't just young, he's younger than I am. I'm older and more true and I'm not afraid of showing myself like this."

The newspaper quoted Berlusconi

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New clashes rocking the Ukraine

Police clashed with protesters in central Kiev on Sunday, and the fate of Ukraine's government was uncertain after embattled President Viktor Yanukovich offered important posts to opposition leaders, including the role of prime minister. One of the president's main foes described his offer as a "poisoned" attempt to divide the opposition and kill off mass protests. The demonstrations erupted late last year when Yanukovich ditched landmark agreements with the European Union and opted instead for closer ties with Russia. Emboldened opposition leaders said they would press for more concessions, including early elections, setting the stage for a tough political battle when parliament meets for a special session on Tuesday. REUTERS

French president

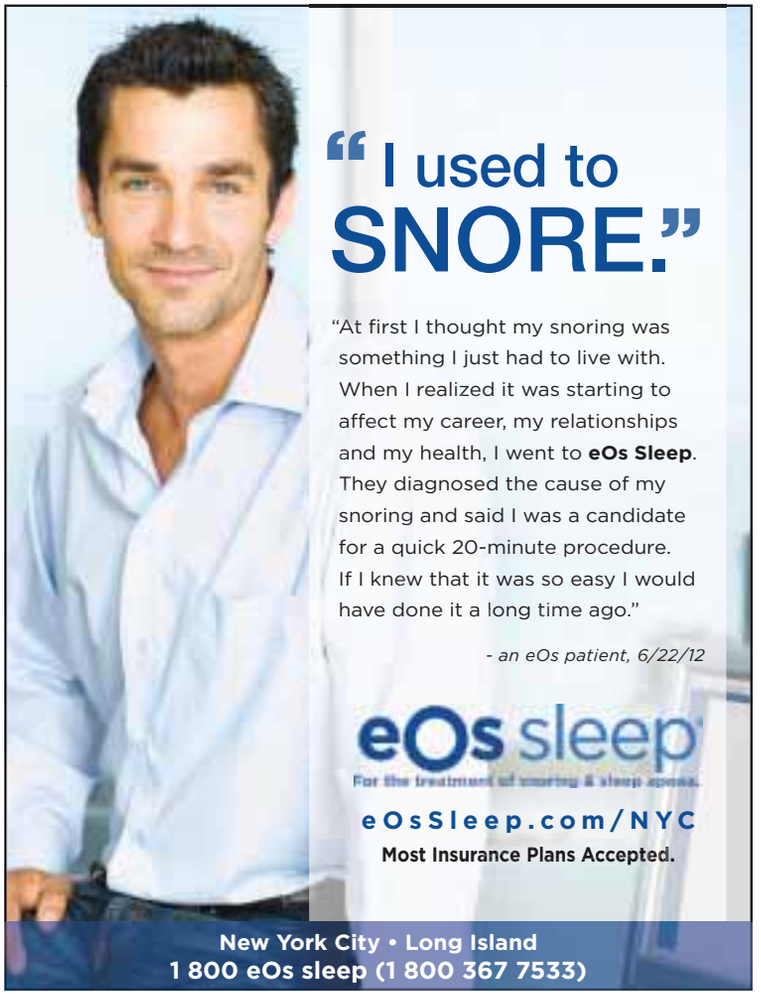
Hollande announces separation from Trierweiler

French President Francois Hollande announced his separation from first lady Valerie Trierweiler on Saturday following a media storm over allegations he is having an affair with an actress.

"I wish to make it known that I have ended my partnership with Valerie Trierweiler," he told Agence France Presse news agency.

Hollande sought to put an end to turbulence that began two weeks ago when celebrity magazine Closer published a report that he was having an affair with film actress and Socialist Party supporter Julie Gayet.

A news conference to unveil the economic plans was overshadowed by questions over Hollande's private life. REUTERS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Marlise Munoz

Hospital ends life support for brain-dead pregnant woman

A Texas hospital removed a brain-dead pregnant woman from life support on Sunday in line with a court order, ending a battle with her husband who argued the fetus she had been forced to carry was withering inside her lifeless body, the family's lawyers said.

Marlise Munoz, who was about 22 weeks pregnant, had been on life support in the hospital in Fort Worth since Nov. 26. Her husband, Erick Munoz, had sought to remove her from life support.

A judge on Friday sided with the family in finding that Marlise Munoz was already legally dead, ordering the hospital to remove her ventilator. **REUTERS**

Lawsuits

Google, Samsung announce global patent agreement

Google Inc. and Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd., which are frequently involved in patent infringement lawsuits but not against each other, announced on Sunday that they have reached a global patent cross-licensing agreement.

The deal covers patents currently owned by the companies, as well as any filed in the next 10 years, the companies said in a release. Financial terms were not disclosed.

The companies said the deal "would lead to deeper collaboration on research and development of current and future projects." **REUTERS**

War on women? US Republican Rand Paul says women are winning

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Rand called Democratic criticism that Republicans are waging a "war on women" a charade that does not lead to good policy. / GETTY IMAGES

A way out. Paul turned the tables on the issue pointing out how the women in his family are doing.

U.S. Sen. Rand Paul on Sunday offered a way out of criticism that the Republican Party is waging a war on women: The women are ahead.

"You know, the whole thing of the war on women. I sort of laughingly say, 'yes, there might have been, but the women are winning it,'" Paul, a possible contender for the 2016 Republican presidential nomination, said on CNN's "State of the Union."

Paul was asked to comment on remarks that former presidential candidate Mike Huckabee made to the Republican National Committee last week, in which he urged Republicans to argue that women are not "weaklings" who rely on government for help, including contraceptives to "control their libido." **REUTERS**

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"I think women are doing very well and I'm proud of how well we've come and how far we've come, and I think that some of the victimology and all this other stuff is trumped up." Paul

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Hungary addresses Holocaust after accusations it 'whitewashed' past

Hungarians collaborated with Nazis in sending nearly half a million Jews to their deaths, Hungary's president said on Sunday in a rare public acknowledgement of a war-time past that Jewish groups say is often glossed over. Earlier on Sunday, an American historian said he was returning an award he received from the previous head of state in protest at what he called the government's attempt to erase Hungary's role in the Holocaust. In a statement prepared for Monday's Holocaust Memorial Day, President Janos Ader said that if the war had gone according to the plans of Adolf Hitler and his Hungarian fascist allies, Jews would have been exterminated completely from Hungary. A Jewish group has threatened to boycott Holocaust commemorations over plans to erect a monument at Szabadsag Ter (Freedom Square) of Budapest, seen here, to the German occupation in 1944. It said that pushed the blame for the genocide solely onto Germans, obscuring the role of Hungarians.

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Mafia hit

Pope urges killers of 3-year-old to repent

Pope Francis urged the killers of a 3-year-old boy murdered in southern Italy as part of an apparent mafia hit to repent on Sunday after a crime that he said was unprecedented.

The charred remains of Nicola Campolongo, known as "Coco," were found along with that of his grandfather Giuseppe and a young Moroccan woman in a burnt-out car in the town of Cassano Jonio near Cosenza in Calabria last week.

According to Italian media reports, investigators believe the boy's 52-year-old grandfather Giuseppe Iannicelli was the real target of mafia killers who shot all three people in the car in the head before apparently torching the vehicle. REUTERS

Web report

Netanyahu would let Israeli settlers live in future Palestine

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will insist that Jewish settlers in the West Bank have a right to remain under Palestinian rule in any future peace deal, a government official was quoted as saying on Sunday.

The apparent trial balloon, reported on the English-language Times of Israel website, drew a no-comment from a spokesman for Netanyahu and angry words from Naftali Bennett, a key pro-settlement partner in his governing coalition.

"The idea of Jewish settlements under Palestinian sovereignty is very dangerous and reflects an irrationality of values," Bennett wrote on his Facebook page.

The Israeli report quoted an official in Netanyahu's office as saying he did not intend to uproot Jewish settlements anywhere in the West Bank, land that Palestinians seek for a state under U.S.-brokered peace talks showing few signs of progress. Netanyahu would "insist that settlers be given the free choice of remaining in place and living under Palestinian rule, or relocating to areas under Israeli sovereign rule," the official was quoted as saying. REUTERS

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Street-fighting skills in math class

Ka-pow. A professor seeks to free his students from their fear of math.

Street fighting and self-defense require quick thinking and an ability to "shoot first, and ask questions later." These ninja skills also apply to students in Dr. Sanjoy Mahajan's class based on his book, "Street-Fighting Mathematics."

For his class, available to MIT and Massive Open Online Courses students with basic physics and algebra comprehension, Mahajan says he doesn't want his students to "wait for the perfect kick to come" — he encourages them to just go for it.

The lessons seek to rid students of math anxieties by emphasizing the art of problem-solving without doing an exact, lengthy calculation. "They think, 'If I don't get this one right answer, I have nothing,'" he says. The answer itself isn't the end-all, be-all though. That's because in his class, a grade is not based on correct or incorrect answers; instead, it's all about whether they've made a decent effort of getting to the answer.

By showing students an equation as they stare at various symbols in fear, he tells them not to worry, since the answer will be found differently from how they expect it to be anyhow. "The paranoia will freeze them up and just like in a street fight, they'll get slaughtered." In order to become liberated, he focuses on action in doing something reasonable and reacting without overthinking a solution — in other words, estimating.

The class challenges the idea that math is supposed to be exact, as students toss away the notion of perfection and right and wrong. To drive home the ninja math technique, he often uses Navier-Stokes equations, considered some of the most complex math equations out there. He says it literally takes years to solve these problems, but "to hell with that, that's not a street-fighting approach." With a long, arduous approach, he says problems will not be solved and suggests the street-fighting approach as a way to make progress.

Students inevitably apply the ninja method to other classes as well, Mahajan points out. Approximating helps them simplify, he explains, "When the going gets tough, lower your standards."

Mahajan used the technique to learn German for example. The language has endings with seven different forms of the word "the." Instead of figuring out the proper word endings, the professor went with the most common one. "I was willing to approximate and not get 'paralysis by analysis,'" he says. Coupled with approximating by slurring the ends of words, locals understood Mahajan based on what their ear was trained to hear. Street fighting works in German too.

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A street-fighting example

When you drop two paper cones with different sizes but the same shape, which one falls faster?

- **Solution:** The cones fall at the same speed in the air; the only difference between the two is size. The drag on the way down is proportional to the area of the object.

— To see a video of the problem and watch Mahajan's TED talk, visit Metro.us. To register for the course, visit www.ted.com/tedx.

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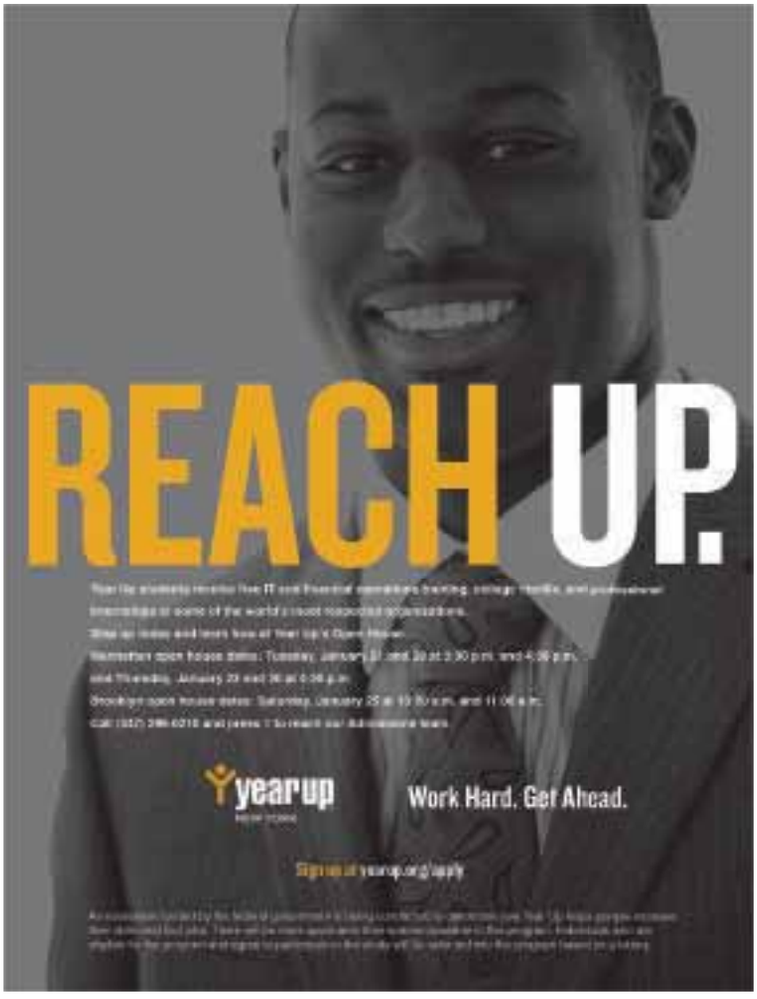

After service, time for class

Military. Programs for veterans invite brave men and women to campus.

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Transitioning into civilian life can be easier while hitting the books.
V STOCK

As veterans assimilate into civilian life after fulfilling their commitment of active duty, one major initiative for their next chapter lies in their education.

According to the Center for American Progress, approximately 400,000 veterans were enrolled in a higher education institution during the spring of 2012. Because numbers are expected to grow as the military return from deployment into civilian life, schools are preparing to meet their needs. That's not surprising when you look at the post-9/11 GI Bill, which includes full funding of a public four-year undergraduate education to veterans who have served three years of active duty since Sept. 11, 2001.

Dr. Jose E. Coll, director of Veteran Student Services of Saint Leo University, has seen an increase in the student veteran population by 30 percent — a number that comprises more than one-third of the total student population. Maybe that's because the school's 49 locations in seven states are often located on or near military bases. It's not uncommon for the military to enroll in classes while on deployment.

He explains the importance of hitting the books sooner rather than later. "Not only does this help with transitioning, but it can also expedite the process of completing your degree."

Of course, hitting the books is one thing and getting acclimated to student life is another. At Fordham University, the boots-to-books program and a special orientation focus on the needs of this unique student population.

Michael Gillan, associate vice president for Fordham's Westchester campus and co-chair of University Veterans Affairs, says getting to know every veteran on campus is about "recognizing who they are and communicating with them right away." Getting to know them also helps them not disappear into anonymity on campus.

Like many schools, Fordham invites its nearly 350 veterans to a special orientation where they are introduced to representatives from the university's student services, Veterans Affairs, the Iraq Veterans of America and others.

Getting oriented and feeling welcome is a priority, as is feeling comfortable in the classroom. Shawn A. Mann, director of Military & Veteran Education Programs at Baker College Online, says, "There is nothing more disheartening to a combat veteran than sitting in a Freshman 101 orientation class next to an 18 year-old fresh out of high school."

To counter this, schools like Baker evaluate veterans' transcripts and allow service members to matriculate college credit for military training and experience they have already obtained.

What to look for in a vet-friendly program

Shawn A. Mann, Baker College Online offers these tips:

- If the goal is to obtain a job post-graduation, choose the college and the degree with solid post-graduation employment rates.
- Due diligence for a potential military student or veteran involves finding the school that values student success over tuition dollars.

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@ChloeGMoretz: having a feeling once i learn this guitar I'm gonna start to put my poetry to song..

@lenadunham: Reading Archie comics in bed like the grownup woman I am.

@JimCarrey: Feel it all!

@iamwandasykes: I can tell how sick I am by the tv shows I watch. Two Lifetime movies... It must be the flu.

Bieber's housekeeper talks 'drugs' and 'hangers-on'

Justin Bieber fans show their support at his hotel in Miami on Friday. Bieber left the U.S. on Saturday to hit up Punta Chame, a beach town on the Gulf of Panama, with his new gal pal Chantel Jeffries. / RADCLIFFE, BAUER-GRIFFIN, GC IMAGES

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Let's all take the following with a great, big grain of salt as you know that any housekeeper of Justin Bieber's is going to sign an iron-clad confidentiality agreement before she or he even steps into his hormone-ravaged mansion(s). But perhaps Tatiana Voziouk, who claims to be Bieber's former housekeeper, is either being paid so much to gab to Britain's Sunday People that it's worth it or she is just very, very worried about her former boss and wants him to get help, non-disclosure be damned. (That, or she is just an entirely made-up person by the tabloid to help keep the clicks coming, which is the theory I'd put my money on.)

Anyway, queue the force-fed quotes! "I'm terrified he'll become the next Michael Jackson. If he doesn't act now, I will hear one day that he has passed away. It is heartbreaking," Voziouk said. "The drugs and hangers-on are turning Justin into a zombie." Voziouk, who began working for Bieber in 2012 and was recently let go, says she witnessed plenty of prescription drugs, marijuana and other substances on the premises.

"I was always picking up joint butts and stubs from the kitchen, lounge and pool area where they had been thrown," she says, adding that she'd voiced concerns about Bieber's decline to his mother and manager, but to no avail. "Justin was once a sweetheart — kind, considerate and a talented boy, and now I am concerned for him," she says. "He is now a lost boy."

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Dog hugs, not drugs

Zac Efron, who completed a stint in rehab last year for problems with cocaine and alcohol, is back on the junket circuit, this time looking happy, healthy and game for chihuahua kisses. Here he is on the set of Univision's "Despierta America" to promote his new movie "That Awkward Moment" on Friday in Miami, Fla.

Cuaron's Oscar basically assured after his DGA win

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The Directors Guild of America bestowed Alfonso Cuaron top honors for his film "Gravity" on Saturday night. Cuaron has already picked up a Golden Globe for the film and is, of course, nominated for a Best Director Oscar.

So here is where we ask the requisite, "So what does this mean for Cuaron's Oscar chances?" Well, if it weren't already obvious that he was going to win — beating out the closest he has to a rival, "12 Years a Slave" helmsman Steve McQueen — this seals it.

Only seven times in its 65 year history has the winner of the DGA for Outstanding Directorial Achievement in Feature Film not gone on to win the Oscar equivalent.

Moreover, only 13 times has the DGA winner's film not won Best Picture.

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Celebs. Seen and heard at the Director's Guild of America Awards

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1 Host **Jane Lynch** brought her unique brand of comedy to the awards.

2 **Helen Mirren** dazzled in a blue dress, proving foxy doesn't have an age stamp.

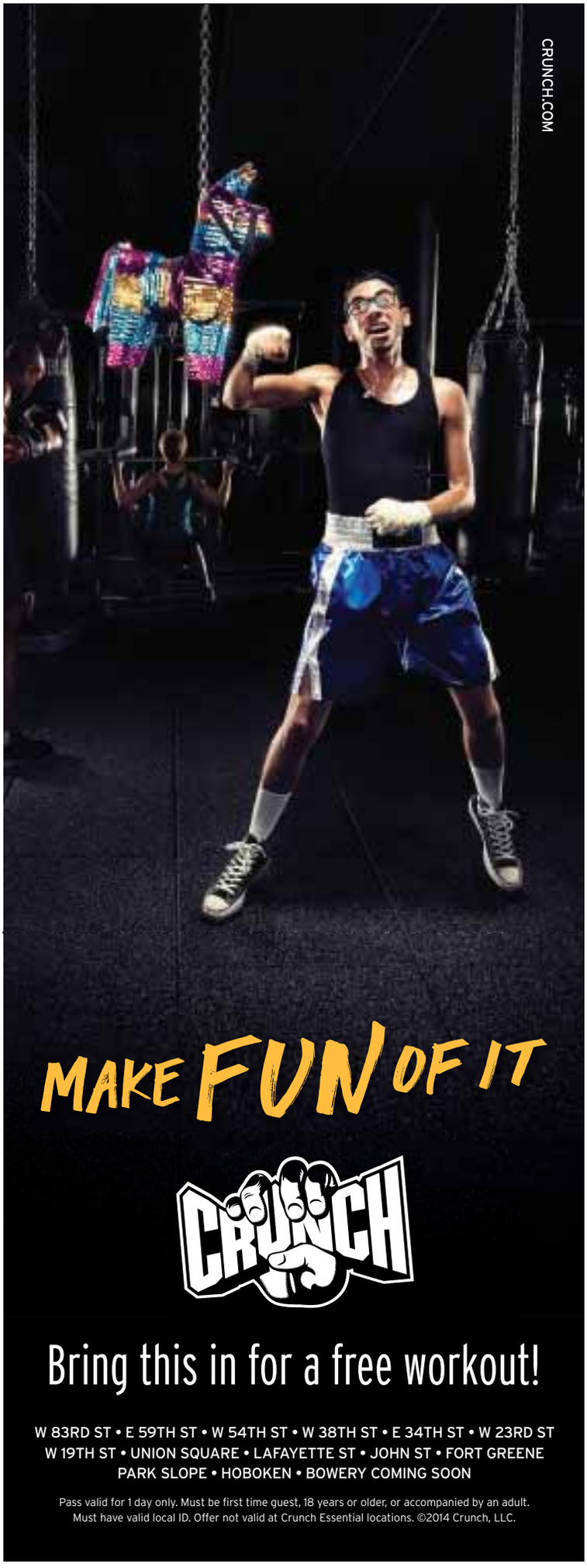
3 **Don Cheadle** broke out the glasses to present the award in the Documentary category.

4 A pregnant **Kerry Washington**, who presented one of the night's awards, posed on the red carpet.

5 "Gravity" star **Sandra Bullock** joked that her son will have "damage" from watching her adrift-in-space drama.

6 **Nick Cannon** freshened up to present for Outstanding Directorial Achievement in Reality Programs.

7 Actress **Betsy Brandt** also presented, showing there is life after "Breaking Bad."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‘We wouldn’t be here if it weren’t for Paul and Ringo’

Grammy Awards. The Academy of Arts and Sciences continues to award inter-generational collaboration.

While the people behind the Grammys have increasingly focused attention on bridging generation gaps with their programming — pairing old and young performers together on live musical collaborations — the awards presented at the beginning of the 56th Annual Grammy Awards also followed this formula.

Daft Punk, **Pharrell Williams** and **Nile Rodgers** won the Best Pop Duo/Group Performance Grammy for “Get Lucky,” a victory which makes perfect sense for the Academy of Arts and Sciences, since it already pairs veterans with new blood.

This theme was clearest when **Dave Grohl**, **Paul McCartney**, **Krist Novoselic** and **Pat Smear** won the award for Best Rock Song.

“I have to say that we wouldn’t be here if it weren’t for **Paul** and for **Ringo**,” said Grohl.

Representing the young blood, **Macklemore** and **Ryan Lewis** were the first to step up to the podium to claim an award during the televised ceremony (they had already won three before the cameras were rolling).

“We made this album without a record label,” said Macklemore, beaming with a big smile as he accepted the Grammy for Best New Artist. The duo would later be instrumental in one of the evening’s most poignant moments. As they performed their single, “Same Love,” with **Mary Lambert** and **Trombone Shorty**, more than 30 couples (some gay, some straight) took their wedding vows as **Queen Latifah** officiated. After the couples were wed, **Madonna** made a grand entrance, looking like a whitewashed cowgirl, singing “Open Your Heart.” This was the sort of inter-generational collaboration that stretched over more than one gulf.

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Pharrell Williams, Daft Punk and Nile Rodgers reached across the generation gap. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

As is often the case though, some of the pairings just seemed too forced. Sure **Gary Clarke Jr.** can rip on the guitar, but that doesn’t mean he should be trading licks with **Keith Urban**. And why was **Robin Thicke** performing with **Chicago**? Did he promise his dad he’d do that as a Boxing Day gift? Why did **Lang Lang** perform with **Metallica**? Was somebody a beneficiary of the Make-a-Wish Foundation?

The grand finale rock jam with **Nine Inch Nails, Queens of the Stone Age, Dave Grohl** and **Lindsey Buckingham** was sloppy and loud, but it was fun.

One collaboration that worked especially well, however, was between two newer acts: **Imagine Dragons** and **Kendrick Lamar** doing a live mash-up of their respective hits, “Radioactive” and “Swimming Pool.” Cannons full of smoke and fake blood blasted them as they swung mallets at enormous bass drums and inspired **Lorde** and **Taylor Swift** to dance (the latter, a feat that isn’t that difficult at awards shows) and **Steven Tyler** to sing along.

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The winners

LORDE

- **Album of the Year:** Daft Punk, “Random Access Memories”
- **Record of the Year:** Daft Punk, “Get Lucky”
- **Song of the Year:** Lorde, “Royals”
- **Best Pop Solo Performance:** Lorde, “Royals”
- **Best Rap/Sung Collaboration:** Jay Z and Justin Timberlake, “Holy Grail”
- **Best Rock Song:** Dave Grohl, Paul McCartney, Krist Novoselic and Pat Smear, “Cut Me Some Slack”
- **Best Producer:** Pharrell Williams
- **Best Pop Vocal Album:** Bruno Mars, “Unorthodox Jukebox”
- **Best New Artist:** Macklemore & Ryan Lewis

A glam affair

The 2014 Grammy red carpet was all about shimmer.

1 **Taylor Swift** said her slinky gold lame Gucci Premiere gown, with crystal gemstones, felt like “a suit of armor.” Hear that haters/exes?

2 **Rita Ora** ditched the typical gown for a metallic Lanvin cocktail dress she described as “short, kinda cute and glitzy.” We agree.

3 Don’t let **Madonna**’s black Ralph Lauren suit — picked out by her son, **David** — fool you. She brought the shimmer (and an interesting accent) with her grill.

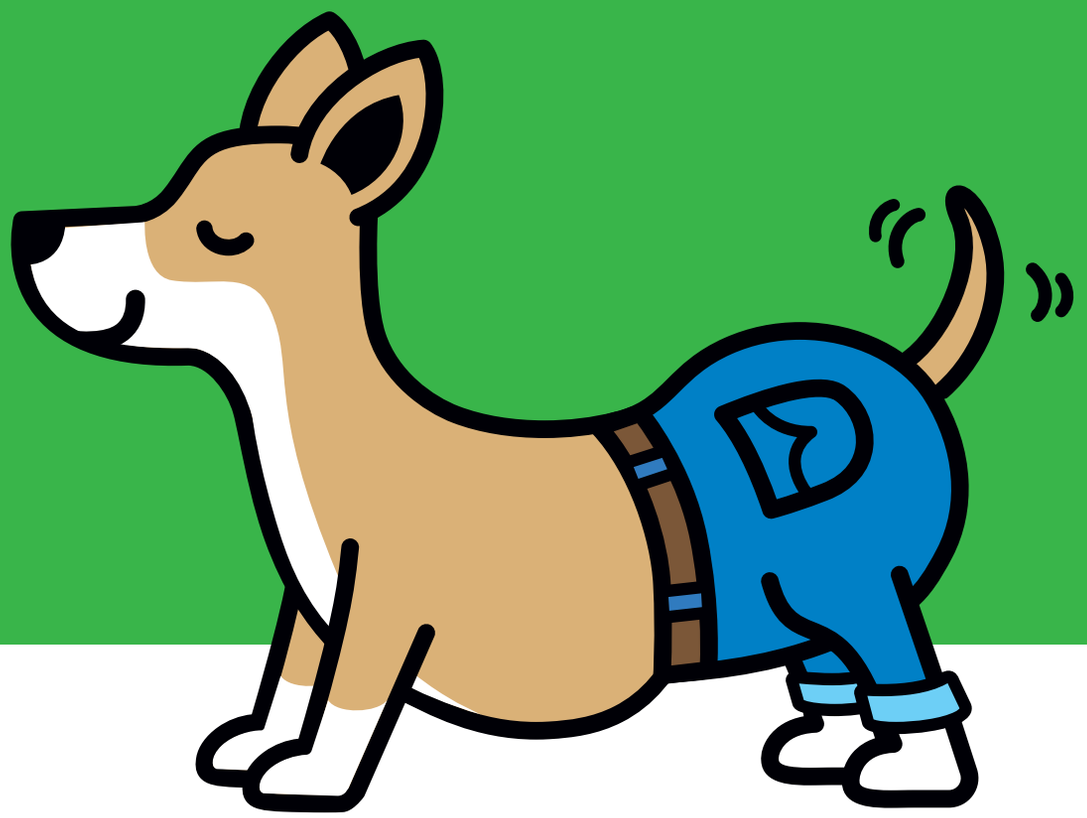
4 **Chrissy Teigen** got the memo. The model stole the attention from hubby John Legend in her sexy strapless Johanna Johnson gown.

5 Watch out Olivia Wilde — mom-to-be **Ciara** looked radiant — and showed off her baby bump— in a custom gold beaded Emilio Pucci gown.

6 **Katy Perry** went really literal with a ladylike 2014 Valentino gown — fresh off the couture runway — featuring sheet music on the skirt. But that pageant hair, we just can’t get behind.

TINA CHADHA

You just saw a dog wearing skinny jeans.



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DIP INTO 1950s LIVERPOOL WITH 'THE LONG DAY CLOSES'

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Roland Moller and Pilou Asbaek play hostages in the Danish drama "A Hijacking." MAGNOLIA PICTURES

'A Hijacking'

Netflix Instant

"Captain Phillips" may have looked like an American version of "A Hijacking," a Danish nautical thriller that opened here early last year. In fact, the two are fundamentally different, if both about corporate penny-pinching that endangers the lives of its seabound workers. Here, pirates hold their captives for many, increasingly smelly months.

Leigh McCormack watches you watching his movie, "The Long Day Closes." / THE CRITERION COLLECTION

'The Long Day Closes'

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Using pop songs in movies is a practice often performed cynically: What better way to give your scene or montage some unearned oomph than by tacking on a famous tune? One who uses source music with genuine invention is Terence Davies, the delightfully curmudgeonly British stylist.

In 1992's "The Long Day Closes," music is used to summon up a bygone era that survives only in minds, sounds and images. A memory piece about Davies' youth in 1950s Liverpool, it's a series of stray recollections chosen almost at random, like songs from a jukebox. It's a film from which it's tough to escape, even after the film itself closes.

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Also out

'Kiss of the Damned'

While her brother Nick made "The Notebook," Xan Cassavetes (daughter of John) made this delightfully nutty homage to Eurotrash horrors of the '60s and '70s.

'Machete Kills'

The Razzies nominated Lady Gaga for her performance in this jokey sequel. She's in it for about three minutes.

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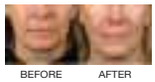
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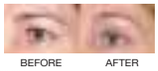
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AARON ECKHART

The actor talks about finding the humanity in a horrible creature for "I, Frankenstein."

HE, MONSTER

Aaron Eckhart put himself through the wringer, both mentally and physically, to take on the titular monster in "I, Frankenstein." Stuart Beattie reimagines Mary Shelley's creation as a lone wanderer caught in the middle of an ancient war between gargoyles and demons. Sometimes, Eckhart learned, preparing for a role means getting knocked out a whole bunch of times.

You're in very intimidating shape here.
I had to be. I figured if you have to take off your shirt in this movie, you better get in good shape. And it's reflective of his mental state as well. He's a survivalist, he's had to live on the periphery and eat when he can.

Was this the most physical role you've done in a while?
Oh yeah, for sure. It was just very exhausting and very difficult, and learning the stick-fighting — I did six months of training and getting in shape, being thrown around. Stuart wanted me to do all my own stunts and all the fighting myself so the audience can see my face and the sticks flying at the same time.

How many times did you accidentally hit yourself?
Many. I hit people and people hit me. It's terrible, hitting another person. Sticks are damaging, they come with such force. You know, you could easily break a nose or a cheek or knee or elbow, knuckle — something like that. I was knocked out a couple times. But it makes a good effect for the movie, especially in 3-D.

The future

What other challenges are you looking for?

I like the human aspects of drama, so I like doing small movies too. I think that's probably where I'll go in the near future.

And what about the follow-up to "Olympus Has Fallen"?
I've heard of it, I've sort of heard the plotline. You know probably as much as I do about that. I don't think it's as real as everybody thinks, but they are trying to get it done.

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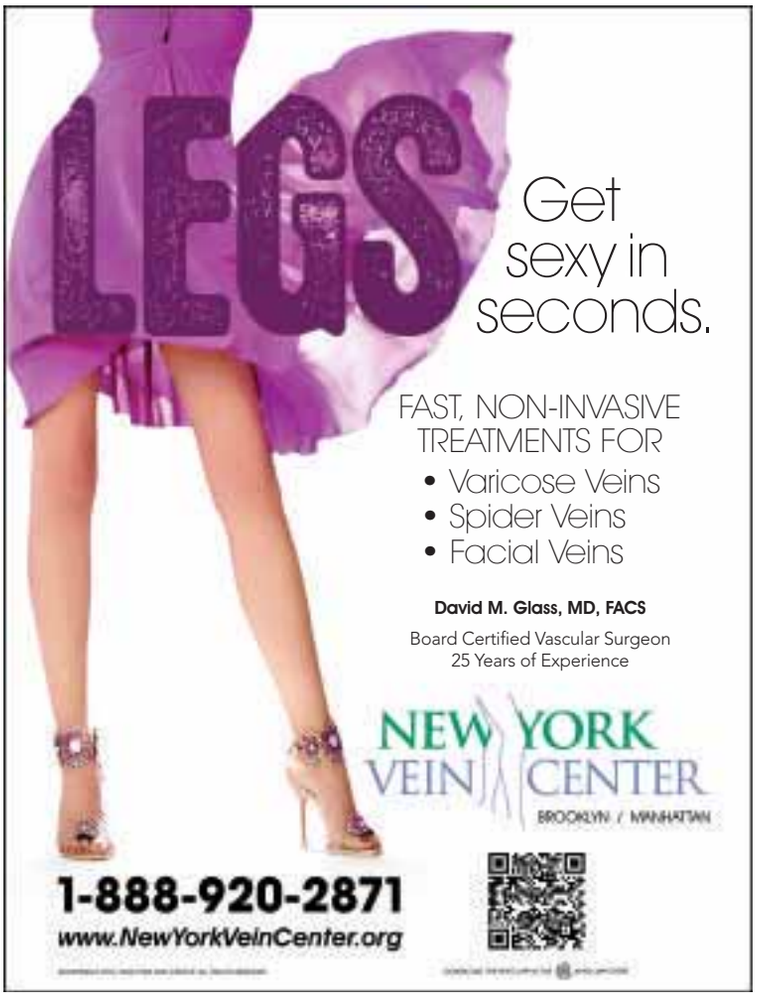

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The numbers

1 'Ride Along' $21.2 million

2 'Lone Survivor' $12.6 million

3 'The Nut Job' $12.3 million

4 'Frozen' $9 million

5 'Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit' $8.8 million

Box office. Kevin Hart and Ice Cube bury Mary Shelley's monster

Ice Cub and Kevin Hart react to "Ride Along"'s success. / UNIVERSAL PICTURES

"Ride Along," a buddy cop comedy starring Kevin Hart and Ice Cube, raced to the top of the weekend box office charts for the second week in a row, collecting $21.2 million in ticket sales.

The Afghanistan war tale "Lone Survivor" took the No. 2 spot with ticket sales of $12.6 million. Mark Wahlberg plays the role of the only one of four U.S. SEALs to return from a vicious fire fight with Taliban fighters.

The animated film "The Nut Job," featuring the voices of Will Arnett and Katherine Heigl, was third with $12.3 million in sales at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to studio figures provided by Rentrak.

"I, Frankenstein," an action film in which Victor Frankenstein's creation is reimagined as a hero battling gargoyles, was the only major new release. It opened in sixth place with ticket sales of $8.3 million.

"Ride Along" received mostly negative reviews, with only 17 percent positive write-ups, according to aggregator website Rotten Tomatoes. "I, Frankenstein," which fell short of industry forecasts of an opening weekend between $10 million and $15 million, received generally poor reviews, but 57 percent of the audience said they liked it, according to Rotten Tomatoes.

Based on actor Kevin Grevioux's graphic novel, it takes place in a dark, dystopian world. Actor Aaron Eckhart plays the title role, with not much resemblance to the monster in earlier films based on Mary Shelley's 1818 novel. Less gruesome, he is blessed with extraordinary speed and endurance.

Disney's long-running animated hit "Frozen" claimed the No. 4 spot with $9 million. The musical is nearing $350 million in domestic sales in its 10th week in release.

"Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit," starring Chris Pine as the late author Tom Clancy's fictional CIA analyst, rounded out the top five with ticket sales of $8.8 million.

The strongest finisher among major Oscar-nominated films was "American Hustle," which took seventh place, selling $7.1 million worth of tickets for a total domestic haul of $127 million. **REUTERS**

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TV watch list

COMEDY

'How I Met Your Mother'

To be honest, we're a little surprised this show has continued to chug along, long after having actually met The Mother. Probably because: Neil Patrick Harris. Tonight, to commemorate the show's 200th episode (right?), The Mother takes a look back at what the hell she's been up to the last eight years. **8 P.M., CBS**

Tonight, The Mother looks back at all the stuff she did before Ted. / RON P. JAFFE, FOX

EDUCATIONAL

'Duck Quacks Don't Echo'

They don't? This is a show co-hosted by Michael Ian Black in which Black and friends attempt to prove the title statement, among other weird factoids. Tonight, they try to glue a man to the ceiling (not sure what they're trying to prove/refute there) and find out if the color red actually pisses off a bull. **10 P.M., NGC**

MUSIC

'VH1 Super Bowl Blitz'

This has nothing at all to do with football. VH1 presents a week of live music preceding the big game, kicking off tonight with a performance by rapper J. Cole in Queens. **11 P.M., VH1**

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HARMLESS FUN OR A GAMBLING PROBLEM?

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Kim Schneiderman's book "Step Out of Your Story: Writing Exercises to Reframe and Transform Your Life," is due to be published next spring. Email Kim your questions at askkim@metro.us.

The fact is, if you think your loved one's gambling is a problem, it is. / FUSE

Every football season my husband disappears on Sunday and Monday evenings. I know he and his friends bet on fantasy football and playoff games. But last week I noticed $4,000 was missing from our joint account. With Super Bowl Sunday coming up, I'm worried. Does he have a gambling problem?

I know as much about sports gambling as I do about root canals. So to thoughtfully answer your question, I turned to Jim Maney, executive director of the New York Council on Problem Gambling. His response: "If you think it's an issue, it's an issue."

According to the Diagnostic Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, the virtual bible of the mental health profession, a person can be diagnosed with a gambling disorder if he or she meets at least five of these criteria over a 10-month period:

1 Feels a need to gamble with increasing amounts of money in order to achieve the desired excitement.

2 Experiences restlessness or irritability when attempting to cut down or stop gambling.

3 Has made repeated unsuccessful efforts to control, cut back or stop gambling.

4 Is preoccupied with gambling (e.g., having persistent thoughts of reliving past gambling experiences, handicapping or planning the next venture, thinking of ways to get money with which to gamble).

5 Often gambles when feeling distressed (e.g., helpless, guilty, anxious, depressed).

6 After losing money gambling, often returns another day to get even ("chasing" one's losses).

7 Lies to conceal the extent of involvement with gambling.

8 Has jeopardized or lost a significant relationship, job or educational or career opportunity because of gambling.

9 Has relied on others to provide money to relieve desperate financial situations caused by gambling.

Unlike drinking, however, disordered gambling may not be immediately obvious to loved ones. Many consider their boyfriend's, girlfriend's or spouse's betting as enjoyable pastimes. Many gamblers are nonplussed when they don't have enough money for groceries because they assume that it's par for the course and they'll eventually make up for their losses.

According to Maney, it's not until the consequences become extreme — for example, their bank accounts get depleted, or they lose their houses — that compulsive gamblers and their families realize the extent of the problem.

If you think your husband has a problem, you can call the New York Council on Public Gambling, Gamblers Anonymous or Gam-Anon, which provides support to families of compulsive gamblers. Good luck.

This column is not intended to be a substitute for a private consultation with a mental health professional, nor is this therapist liable for any actions taken as a result of this column. If you have concerns related to this column, make an appointment with a licensed mental health professional.

No big deal?

The dangers of Super Bowl Sunday

As for football, Super Bowl Sunday is to pathological gamblers what New Year's Eve is to alcoholics: It's exciting and everybody's doing it so it's easier to brush off big betting as no big deal. In addition to gambling on the winning team (odds are 50/50) or the final score, people wager on whom wins the coin toss or even whether it will snow. With literally hundreds of different opportunities to cash in or win money that was previously lost, temptation for disordered gamblers is especially high.

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"The stronger your posterior chain, the better your body functions overall." Michael Poirier

The row machine can be your treadmill substitute. / BOSTON SPORTS CLUB

Physical education. Get out of the elliptical line; these are the machines that will really transform your body.

January is always one of the busiest times at the gym. That can mean a lot of waiting around to get on the next open treadmill or bike and instead of working out, you get worked up and frustrated.

Michael Poirier, regional fitness director of Boston Sports Clubs, advises exercisers to seek out the gym's "quiet corners" where equipment sits unused. Taking the road less traveled not only cuts your wait time, but Poirier tells us it can improve your workout.

Get off the treadmill and onto the rowing machine

The erg "works multiple muscle groups and it's high-cardio to benefit the heart," Poirier says. "You're really working your posterior chain — the backside of your body — whereas the treadmill is working all front muscles. The posterior chain doesn't get much use because of all the sitting at computers or in front of the TV that we do. The stronger your posterior chain, the better your body functions overall."

Get off the bike and onto the StepMill 5

Poirier is a big fan of this machine. "It's more like interval training and has more of an impact than a stationary bike. You can alter it to lengthen your stride and really work your glutes and hamstrings. In comparison to a treadmill, you can burn up to 50 percent more calories using a StepMill for the same amount of time. So you're burning more fat."

Get off the floor and on the ball (the Bosu Ball, that is)

"Anything that challenges the core will give a better workout," he says. "The Bosu Ball — or any unstable surface — challenges stability, so you're using core muscles and other muscles to maintain balance. Do planks or squats or use a cable press on the ball. By destabilizing your base, you're working out much harder."

Try it

Take the weight off and use the assisted pull-up machine

"It looks intimidating because you are lifting your body up like a pull-up, so people avoid it," Poirier tells us. "What most people don't realize is that you take a lot of your weight off your arms by using the machine. Also, the more weight you put on the machine, the easier it is, which is counter-intuitive, but ask a trainer to show you how to do it."

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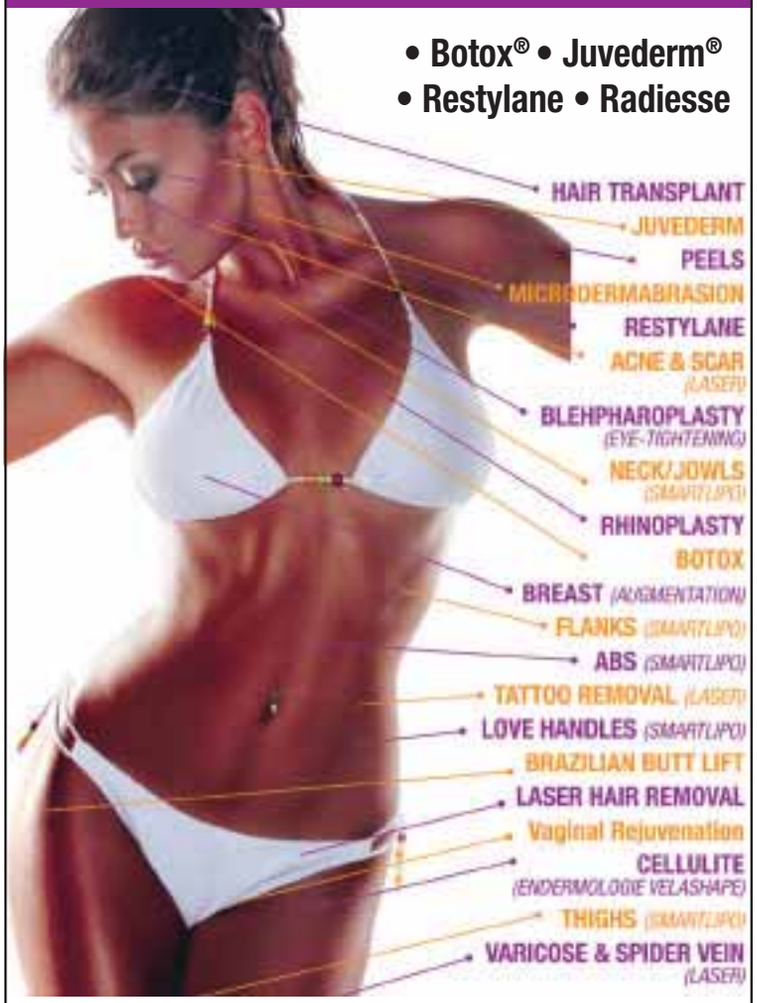

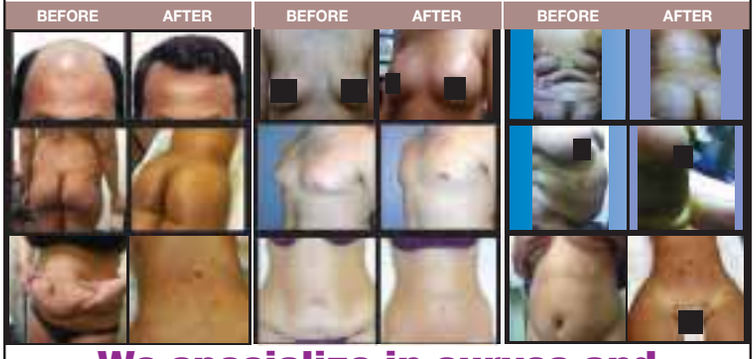

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Use LinkedIn to land that job

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Thinking ahead about developing and optimizing your LinkedIn network before you're actively looking for work means you'll have an easier time as you apply for professional awards, graduate school, internships and jobs.

Value across the board

With over 250 million users, LinkedIn is an obvious platform for recruiters to source talent. Case in point: Ninety percent of Fortune 100 companies use LinkedIn to find future hires. But even if by some chance the selection committee that matters to you is not actively recruiting on LinkedIn, there are still a host of good reasons to establish your profile there.

Stand out in searches

Today, many hiring and admissions committees are using social screening to vet candidates. If your Facebook profile is set to "private" (as it probably is and likely should be) then your LinkedIn page becomes more visible and important to someone Googling you. If you're a student, build your LinkedIn profile by including a list of all courses completed, your extracurriculars and volunteering activities. Have you won (or been shortlisted for) an award? Let LinkedIn know.

Do your due diligence

Prepping for an interview means finding out everything about a company, especially their most recent initiatives, such as social media marketing campaigns, awards and news-worthy happenings. Candidates are often asked, "Do you have any questions?" You should have some, and doing LinkedIn research is a good place to find them.

Q&A

Does the size of your LinkedIn contacts list really matter?

Many professional networkers say it does. If you want to take full advantage of the professional opportunities on LinkedIn and get the maximum return-on-investment for the time you spend using it, you must be proactive about establishing many relevant, valuable connections.

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If you're (even partially) convinced that LinkedIn is a good idea for you, here are three things you can do to develop your professional profile:

1 The non-selfie: Get a real head shot. Ever noticed the profile photos younger folks have on LinkedIn? The most common image used is a selfie or graduation shot. By comparison, you'll instantly look more professional if you invest some time and money in getting a great head shot by a professional photographer. If you're strapped for cash, plan a session with a friend to shoot some more serious shots. Once you have the perfect photo, increase your recognizability by consistently using it on other social media and anywhere else employers might be looking for you.

2 What's your tagline? By default, your LinkedIn profile headline will list your most recent job title. Instead of advertising yourself with a generic title, use a keyword-rich tagline that will help your name show up in LinkedIn and Google searches. Think of keywords to describe your job history or career aspirations. Then use that creative description as your (120 character max) profile headline instead.

3 Visually signal professional memberships. LinkedIn facilitates a variety of connections. Join professional groups on the site. Follow companies or organizations that matter. Subscribe to updates from LinkedIn influencers in your field. Thinking strategically, not only will these affiliations increase the relevance of your LinkedIn news feed exponentially, they will also be displayed on your profile. On the social Web, visual communication matters: Make it obvious to those who glance at your LinkedIn profile that you are connected, informed, actively engaged and interested in your chosen field or industry.

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Aries | March 21-April 20. You need to reboot by going on an adventure. Traveling to an inspiring destination may give you mental clarity. Attend to your budget, and you will find a way.

Taurus | April 21-May 21. You can make worthwhile financial advancements, but be sure not to use your personal funds.

Gemini | May 22-June 20. Your mate may be inclined to hassle you today. Extreme sensitivity will lead to a wounded ego. Don't allow things to spin out of control.

Cancer | June 21-July 22. Combine work with pleasure. Socialize with colleagues and clients. Changes in a relationship will be welcome. Take a leap with commitment.

Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Take time for self-improvement. Make physical and mental adjustments to raise your self-esteem.

Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Don't overreact with loved ones. Family members may be needy and take advantage. This will leave you feeling depressed.

Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. You can forge meaningful friendships today. Attend social functions, and romantic opportunities will arise. Travel and social gatherings will increase your popularity.

Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. You will be duped if you invest in joint financial ventures. Be discerning as to the people you do business with.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. Avoiding emotional conflict will not improve matters. Tell the truth and learn just where you stand.

Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. You may have a secret nemesis. Be careful what you reveal to others. Be precise in your communication, or you will be misunderstood.

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Sudoku: Easy and hard

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How to play
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Crossword

Across

1 Brown-tinted photo
6 Ski lift (hyph.)
10 — -a-brac
14 Squirrel snack
15 Newsman — Abel
16 Per capita
17 Gardener's plus (2 wds.)
19 Pierre's girl
20 It may be tidy
21 Software buyers
22 Grease jobs
23 Walk in the woods
24 Glare protectors
25 Parking attendants
28 Lumpy fruit
30 Tiber locale
31 Some canines
35 Muddy the waters
36 Lifts a barbell
37 Zen riddle
39 Sullies
41 Move crabwise
42 Figurine mineral
43 Mean
44 Limp
48 Sharp pain
49 Down the road
50 Groovy
52 CPR pro
55 Tatters
56 Tropical wildcat
58 Q.E.D. part
59 Libra's stone
60 Came to be
61 Rider's handhold
62 "Hooray for me!" (hyph.)
63 Fixed a seam

Down

1 Droops
2 Pantyhose shade
3 Jingle or limerick
4 Pique
5 Portfolio item
6 Giggle (hyph.)
7 Fog up
8 Objectives
9 Johnny —
10 Swains
11 Macho sort
12 Colder
13 Board game from India
18 Reproving clucks
22 Trevi Fountain coins
23 Parrot's word
24 Wine casks
25 Caesar's man
26 Standing on
27 Fox's abode
28 Glassware brand
29 Blondie's shrieks
31 Counting-out start
32 Making do
33 Hubbub (hyph.)
34 "Freeze!"
36 Christie's Miss Marple
38 Born as
40 Finish the laundry
41 Mexicali matrons
43 PC fodder
44 Seraglio
45 Rhett's Scarlett —
46 Fell to
47 Moisten in the oven
48 Zahn or Abdul
50 Bay Area valley
51 Victorian oath
52 Sufficient, in verse
53 Consumer gds.
54 Laced up
56 Make a note
57 Suffix for "forfeit"

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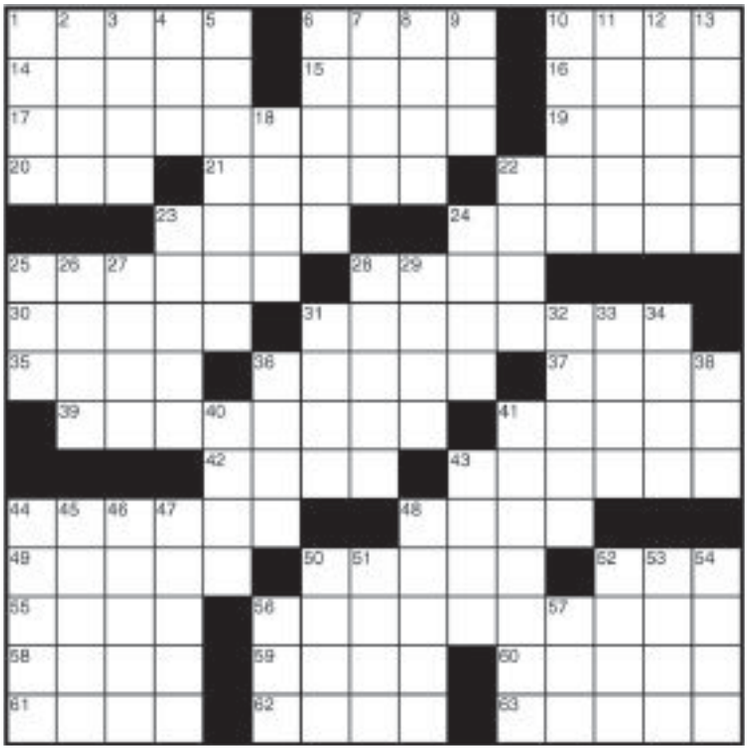

Letters

Bigger they are, bigger the fallacy

So! Chris Christie has been caught in two scandals, Justin Bieber has been arrested on a DUI and the public is delighted! These are examples of what transactional analysts call the "zero sum fallacy," or the notion that the common people benefit from any setback suffered by those who are more fortunate.

THOMAS ROBERTSON, VIA EMAIL

Lunches meat their match

I would love my school to participate in Meatless Monday. I love my school, but I hate its lunch options. They are greasy and unhealthy, and I don't feel good about eating them. It would be such a great change to have one day a week where we have new and different foods. I try to eat healthy at home, and having more nutritious school lunches would make a healthy lifestyle much easier to uphold. I care about my future and the future of my peers, and by bringing Meatless Monday into more schools, we could be a part of the progression toward a sustainable future.

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GLOVE STOP

Henrik Lundqvist stood tall in net — and made fitting use of his glove at Yankee Stadium — after allowing three goals in the first period. / GETTY IMAGES

NHL. The Rangers got the better of their rival Devils, but everyone was amazed by the atmosphere.

Both sides recognized the grandeur of the stage they were about take and the history they were about author.

Never before had the NHL hosted an outdoor game in New York City and never had a hockey game been contested in Yankee Stadium until the NHL selected the Rangers and Devils to bring their feud to the House the Boss Built.

"It never ceases to amaze me what this league and this sport can come up with," Rangers defenseman Ryan McDonagh said. "I don't even know what to expect anymore. I've only been in the league for four years now, and I've played one [Winter Classic] game in Philly and now a game in my hometown city. It seems to get better and better every time, and every year there's something going on with the league. Who would have ever thought they would have had a game in L.A. and now New York?"

Give him the hook

Devils head coach Pete DeBoer was stuck in the uncomfortable position of having a struggling legend in Martin Brodeur in net. But he said he spoke to the future Hall of Famer before pulling him.

- "We didn't help him out much," DeBoer said. "At that point I had a conversation with him and we both agreed, and it was actually his comment, that how about give [Cory Schneider] the experience of a period in this environment."

While the atmosphere was embraced by the organizations, it came with a caveat: There were two very important points for the taking, secured by the Rangers in a 7-3 win.

The Rangers improved to 28-23-3 and, in doing so, increased their lead over the 22-20-11 Devils to four points in the packed Metropolitan Division and Eastern Conference playoff races. The Rangers are second in the division and sixth in the conference. The Devils are sixth in the Metro and 11th in the East.

"It's really good to get the win," Rangers center Brad Richards said. "It makes the day a good day. We can talk about it being special, and if you lose you probably don't think about it for a couple days later, how fun it was. But we can sit here and enjoy it because we don't play until Wednesday [against the Islanders at Yankee Stadium]."

Mats Zuccarello scored twice for the Rangers, who also had goals off the sticks of Dominic Moore, Marc Staal, Carl Hagelin, Rick Nash and Derek Stepan. Henrik Lundqvist made 19 saves. Patrik Elias scored twice for the Devils and Travis Zajac added another.

It took all of 188 seconds for the Devils and Rangers to get physical, as McDonagh drove Zajac head over heels into the Devils' bench.

"You're just trying to get yourself in the game more than anything," McDonagh said.

But following the hit the game evolved into an ode to free-flowing hockey with offensive fireworks to rival those that greeted the teams when they took the ice.

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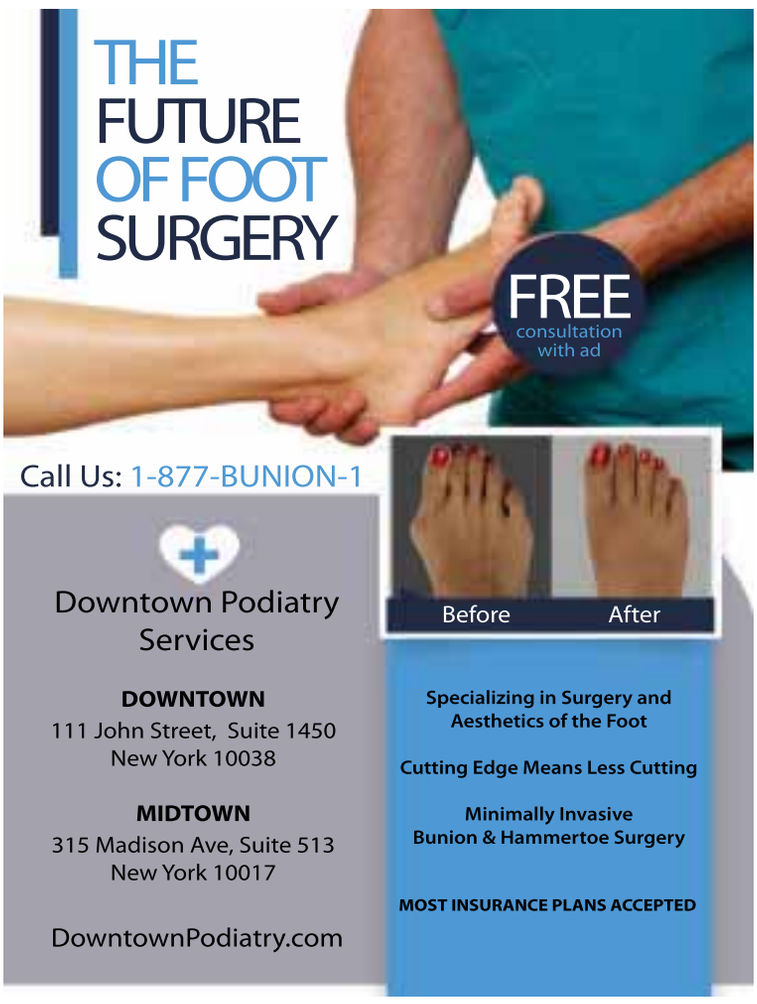

Kobe on Melo

Kobe Bryant, the only other man in the last decade to score 60 points besides Carmelo Anthony (who did it Friday), spoke before the game yesterday.

- Bryant sat out the game due to a knee injury, but he still spent a little time selling Los Angeles to his fellow All-Star. Anthony will be a free agent this offseason if he opts out of his contract.
- "Well everybody wants to play in Los Angeles," Bryant said. "New York is a beautiful place, don't get me wrong, but it is colder than s— out here. You know, palm trees and beaches obviously are a little more appealing."

Woodson singles out Knicks' role players

NBA. The coach praised rookie Tim Hardaway Jr. and the bench for stepping up to help Carmelo Anthony.

Hardaway Jr. had a breakout game, with 18 points on 7-of-12 shooting in 26 minutes on Sunday. / GETTY IMAGES

While a 110-103 win over the Lakers was important to a Knicks squad trying to scratch its way back into the playoff hunt, what mattered as much to head coach Mike Woodson was the way the supporting cast has played during its two-game winning streak.

"I've always wanted a team that the [opposing] defense doesn't know where the points are coming from," said Woodson, who added he's been stressing ball movement and extra passing in recent practices. "When [Carmelo Anthony] has been doubled, he looks for other guys. They just have to step up and make those open shots. ... Lately, they have."

Quoted

"Once he gets stronger, he'll be even better on defense."

Mike Woodson, Knicks head coach
On rookie guard Tim Hardaway Jr. and where he can improve

Woodson firmly believes that if the Knicks are to finally get back into the Atlantic Division race, he'll need more than his All-Star forward to shoulder most of the load. Woodson specifically named rookie Tim Hardaway Jr. as being instrumental in helping New York (17-27) get back into the playoff hunt.

"Tim isn't your ordinary rookie. He's a bit ahead of the game," Woodson said, mentioning the rookie's work over the years with his father, Tim, who was once a star in the league, as being instrumental in his growth.

"We [the supporting cast] have to keep making plays," Raymond Felton said. "We don't want Melo to be the only guy [scoring]. When teams double him, other guys have to step up and make plays."

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Back in Beantown

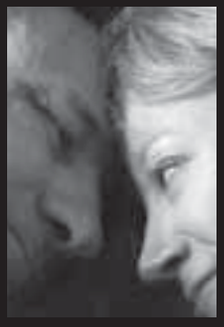
Nets beat C's in Pierce, Garnett homecoming

The Garden showered Kevin Garnett and, especially, Paul Pierce with applause as they were announced before Sunday night's return to the city. But the duo, who led Boston to the 2008 NBA title, didn't allow their new team to take it easy on the current Celtics.

As for Pierce and Garnett themselves, well they struggled mightily in an 85-79 win by Brooklyn. Pierce scored just six points on 2-of-10 shooting and struggled with foul trouble. Garnett wasn't much better, with six points as well, though he took just six shots. The bench had 47 points. **METRO**

PAUL PIERCE STRUGGLED IN HIS BOSTON RETURN. GETTY IMAGES

"I *used* to have Erectile Dysfunction."



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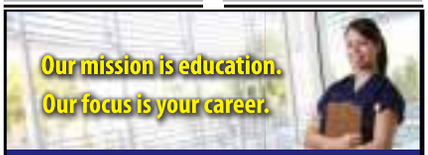

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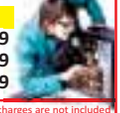

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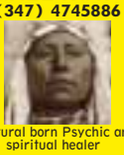

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